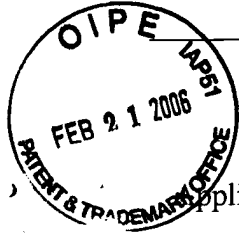


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

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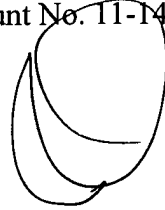
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.